rental as advance which works out to approximately 5 per cent of the value of machinery and equipment;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to review, as certain and direct that equipment leasing scheme of NSIC must be extended to new economical and financial viable units and needy entrepreneurs who have the requisite traits of entreprenur-ship but whose financial resources to promote industrial venture are limited; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and what alternative remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) The Hire Purchase and the Equipment leasing Schemes are meant for different target groups. The Hire Purchase Scheme is meant for first generation entrepreneurs and the earnest money deposit under this scheme ranges from 15 to 20 per cent. However, in exceptional cases, it could be even 30 per cent. On the other hand, the Equipment I.essing Scheme is meant for existing viable units for modernisation technology upgradation and diversification. Under this scheme, the lease rental is charged by NSIC on quarterly basis and initially, the Corporation takes lease rental for two quadters.

(b) and (c) At present, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government. The new units need gestation period before start repayment of loan instalments. The new units, thus, can take advantage of the Hire Purchase Scheme, under which the Corporation allow I to H year gestation period and thereafter first instalment falls due.

**Participation of BHEL, for supply of high tech. locomotives**

1245. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported statement of the General Manager of BHEL which appeared in the Financial Express of 7 th April, 1992 under the caption; "BHEL'S Capability overlooked" ;

(b) whether BHEL had participated in the tender invited by the Railways for supply of high tech. locomotives in collaboration with two Japanese companies;

(c) whether BHEL's bid was incomplete or inadequately prepared, if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether BHEL was confident of manufacturing such locomotives and would have met the technical requirements and delivery schedule;

(e) if so, what are the reasons for which BHEL did not succeed in getting the order; and y

(f) in what manner the rates quoted by BHEL compare with the nearest com petitor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

fc) The Ministry of Railways found that BHEL did not provide necessary information as stipulated in the bid documents to establish their claim for category-1 and price preference.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) Ministry of Railways found BHEL Hitachi offer *to* be higher than the lowest evaluated offer of M/s ABB Switzer land on whom the purchase has since been finalised. The evaluated price on F.O.R. basis offered by BHEL was Rs. 486 crores compared to M/s Asea Brown Boveri's evaluated CIF price of Rs. 439 crores, on exchange rates of 24-6-91 i.e. the date of opening of tenders.

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1246. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: